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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed on June 17, 2003, Applicants are filing the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmitted herewith. Our check in the amount of \$750.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for filing the RCE accompanies this response. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to file the RCE. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$820.00 fee for the three-month extension of time to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-68450. A check for \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time was

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mailed to the United States Patent Office with Applicants' response filed on May 21, 2003 and, thus, the \$930.00 fee for a three-month extension of time is reduced by the amount of \$110.00. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the deposit account of Barnes & Thornburg, indicated above, with reference to our matter 3220-68450. Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.